

RESPONSE

By this amendment, claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled and new claims 25 – 35 have been added. Claims 1 – 22 and 25 – 35 are pending.

Claims 23 and 24 have been objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) as introducing new matter and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being based on disclosure which is not enabling. While not intending to indicate agreement with the Examiner, the Applicant has cancelled claims 23 and 24 in order to advance prosecution.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1, 7-10, 14-18, and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Regarding claims 1 and 23, the Examiner asks whether the claims should call for R₆ and R₇ joined together to be C₂-C₈. The Applicant asserts that the claim as written is correct in that R₆ and R₇, joined together, may be C₁ – C₈, as called for in the specification. For example, R₆ and R₇ could together form a cyclic ketal having a single carbon, such that together they are a C₁.

Regarding claims 7-10, 14-18, and 22-24, the Examiner objects to the use of the word preferably. These claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concern, and new dependent claims have been added.

As indicated above, claim 24 has been cancelled, rendering the rejection of this claim moot.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-6, 11-13, and 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the amendments and response above, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned

if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

Respectfully submitted,

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